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Honourable Gordie Gosse, Speaker
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

As you know, I announced last year that I would not be re-offering in the next Provincial Election. May 25, 2013 marked my 20th year in the Nova Scotia Legislature, and the next Provincial Election is expected soon.

I therefore ask that you accept this letter of my intention to retire as a member for Cape Breton South. I further ask that my retirement be effective at 4:30 pm on May 29, 2013.

Mr. Speaker, in regard to the issue of my absence from the Legislature in April 2013, I would be pleased to make a financial contribution to two Cape Breton charitable organizations which you are familiar with, namely the Every Women's Centre and the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation. These contributions would be equal and based on the anticipated financial reimbursement decision of the Legislature Management Commission.

Finally, Mr. Speaker let me say to you and all members of the Legislature that it has been an honour and a privilege to have served with you, regardless of party affiliation. Also, it was an honour to have represented the good people of Cape Breton South for six terms, and to have served the citizens of the former City of Sydney as their Mayor for five terms, from 1978 until 1993.

Mr. Speaker, as I leave public life after 11 elections over 35 years, I want to wish you and all members of the House of Assembly all the best in health and happiness in the future.

Sincerely,

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Honourable Manning MacDonald, C.D., ECNS
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